

## ABSTRACT

The invention provides (a) an HIV Tat protein or derivative thereof linked to either (i) a fusion partner or (ii) an HIV Nef protein or derivative thereof; or (b) an HIV Nef protein or derivative thereof linked to either (i) a fusion partner or (ii) an HIV Tat protein or derivative thereof; or (c) an HIV Nef protein or derivative thereof linked to an HIV Tat protein or derivative thereof and a fusion partner. The invention further provides for a nucleic acid encoding such a protein and a host cell, such as *Pichia Pastoris*, transformed with the aforementioned nucleic acid